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1. About 14 May 1952, an unidentified Soviet Air Force regiment moved permanently from Szombathely (C 78) to air bases at Ferihegy-Vecsés (H 61), Lakihegy (on Csepel Island), and Kiskunlacháza (N 49). Allegedly a Soviet Air Force regiment from Austria will occupy the Szombathely base, which is now empty.
2. About 1 May 1952, an unidentified Hungarian field artillery regiment, formerly in Debrecen (K 40), moved about 60 kilometers to a camp in the Hortobágy area, presumably for maneuvers.
3. The Hungarian Air Force Headquarters at the Defense Ministry, with a minimum staff, is a faked set up. The actual Air Force Headquarters is located in the former monastery on Ibrahim Street, Budapest. It is commanded by a joint Hungarian-Soviet staff, presumably under Soviet control.
4. On paper, the Hungarian armed forces consist of one army with headquarters in Budapest. Actually there are three armies, known in the Defense Ministry as "A", "B", "C". Armies "A" and "B" are on active duty. No officer or soldier of these armies knows to which army he is assigned. Only the Defense Ministry is acquainted with the disposition of the troops and knows whether the whole or part of a particular unit belongs to army "A" or "B". It is presumed that parts of units, now assigned to either army, would serve as cadre of larger units in time of war. Army "C" consists of reservists, now assigned to specific active units. Basic equipment for army "C" troops is stored; it will immediately be available at mobilization.

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